

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2420**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Nazarian**

February 21, 2014

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An act to add Section 3162 to the Public Resources Code, relating to well stimulation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2420, as introduced, Nazarian. Well stimulation treatments: local prohibition.

Under existing law, the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources in the Department of Conservation regulates the drilling, operation, maintenance, and abandonment of oil and gas wells in the state. The State Oil and Gas Supervisor supervises the drilling, operation, maintenance, and abandonment of wells and the operation, maintenance, and removal or abandonment of tanks and facilities related to oil and gas production within an oil and gas field regarding safety and environmental damage. Existing law requires an operator of a well to apply for a permit, as specified, with the supervisor or district deputy, prior to performing a well stimulation treatment, as defined, and prohibits the operator from either conducting a new well stimulation treatment or repeating a well stimulation treatment without a valid, approved permit.

This bill would authorize a city or county to adopt and enforce a local ordinance prohibiting well stimulation treatments.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1. Section 3162 is added to the Public Resources
- 2     Code, to read:
- 3     3162. Notwithstanding any provision of this article, a city or
- 4     county may adopt and enforce a local ordinance prohibiting well
- 5     stimulation treatments.

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